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WEEK HARDEEN THE WORLD-FAMOUS
NEXT HANDCUFF KINGHUNNICUTT SAYS
CITY CLERGYMEN
SEEK "BUSINESS""Marrying Parson" Admits
Offering Inducements.

PASTORS DENY CHARGE

Revs. Barnes and Sumwalt Tell of
Their Experiences.No Records or Receipts in Recorder's
Office to Uphold Claims, Ex-
cept Two Signed by Members of
"People's Church"—What Sec-
tion 1288 of District Code Says
of Right to Perform Ceremony.Every minister of the Gospel in this
city, according to G. J. S. Hunnicutt,
the "marrying parson," employs meth-
ods similar to those used by him in
inducing young couples to have him per-
form the marriage ceremony.

WANT PERMIT REVOKED.

It is charged by Rev. Dr. William I.
McKenney, pastor of the Wesley M. E.
Church, Fifth and F streets northwest,
in a formal complaint to the chief jus-
tice of the District Supreme Court, that
Hunnicutt is not a duly ordained minister
of the gospel, and that therefore the
permit issued to him which authorizes
him to perform marriage ceremonies
should be revoked. Rev. Dr. McKenney
also charged that Hunnicutt employs
"cappers" and "runners" to "steer" the
maritally inclined into his office, and
that these "cappers" receive a commis-
sion on every couple they bring to Hun-
nicutt's place.Hunnicutt says he has no exception to
the rule that every minister does as he
deems to secure "business." This asser-
tion, however, is indignantly denied by
a large number of ministers who have
been seen with regard to the matter. While
Hunnicutt denies employing "cappers,"
he practically admits it by accusing
others of using the same methods em-
ployed by him. He denies distributing
his business cards to hack drivers, taxi-
cab chauffeurs, railroad conductors, and
others, and yet almost every couple ap-
plying at the City Hall for a marriage
license exhibits his card, saying it was
given to them by either a hack driver or
a chauffeur or a man who "was standing
out on the City Hall steps with a gray
mustache."

License Refused.

Rev. W. W. Barnes, pastor of the
Douglas Memorial Church, at Eleventh
and H streets northeast, said he knew
Hunnicutt well, and that a few years
ago he asked him to aid him to secure
his ordination in the Methodist Church.
Rev. Mr. Barnes refused to listen to
Hunnicutt, who then went to Rev. Mr.
Sumwalt and made the same request.
who also declined to listen to him, it is
said. When Hunnicutt's license as an
exhorter in the Methodist Church ex-
pired, Rev. Mr. Sumwalt refused to re-
new it, whereupon Hunnicutt is said to
have left the Methodist Church.

Certificate Has Seal.

When Hunnicutt applied for a minis-
ter's permit at the District Supreme
Court he produced a certificate signed by
Claude M. Brown, "clerk to the board
of trustees of the People's Nonsectarian
Church," attesting Hunnicutt to be "a
duly ordained minister of the gospel."
Attached to this certificate, which is on
file, is a big gilt seal.Section 1288 of the District code says
that ministers of the gospel "shall be
ordained according to the rites and
ceremonies of his church," and "justices
of the peace are authorized to perform
marriage ceremonies in the District."
The Rev. Dr. McKenney, the Rev. Dr.
Barnes declare that Hunnicutt is not a
minister of the gospel, within the mean-
ing of the law.

BOY RUN DOWN BY AUTO.

Lamar Lord, Aged Ten, Injured on
the Head and Body.Lamar Lord, ten years old, of 21
street northeast, was seriously injured
last night when he was knocked down
by an automobile owned by John G.
Meinberg, 1715 Eleventh street southeast,
while crossing North Capitol street,
north of H street.He was taken to the automobile to
Homeopathic Hospital, where it was
found that he had sustained injuries to
the head and body. The automobile was
operated by Charles E. Miller.

CONDITION OF W. A. LEWIS.

Aged White House Policeman Still
Critically Ill at Home.The condition of W. A. Lewis, the old-
est member of the Metropolitan police
force, who has been stationed at the
White House for the past twenty years,
remains unchanged, according to reports
at an early hour this morning.Mr. Lewis, who is eighty-five years old,
recently suffered a stroke of apoplexy
and has since been dangerously ill at
his home, 1401 New Jersey avenue north-
west. His condition is considered critical.Christian Xander's
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BAND CONCERT TO-DAY.

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a. m. Programme:
March, "Col. Andrus".....Blitrich
Inspection, "Let All Men Praise the
Lord".....Mendelssohn
March, "Army and Navy".....Tyrill
Coronet solo, "The Holy City".....Adams
Reverie, "Star of the Sea".....Kennedy
Sacred song, "The Home".....Nevin
Sacred, "Every Valley Shall Be Ex-
alted".....Handel
"Messiah."DECLARE WAR ON
IMMORAL PLAYS

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tive from Kentucky; vice president,
Francis de Sales Ryan; secretary, M.
Joseph Ryan; treasurer, John St. Bor-
ger.The society's open letter to theatrical
managers is as follows:
"The American Federation of Catholic
Societies," has observed for some years
how the theater, which has such pow-
erful influence for good or evil, has de-
teriorated to a woefully great extent.
We deplore that plays have been pro-
duced upon the stage which mock at
sacred things and moral principles
which the Christian holds in highest re-
spect. We deplore still more deeply that
these plays of first-class houses soon
find their way into cheaper amusement
places, nickelodeons, vaudeville, and
moving picture shows, and thus reach
out to our American youths and chil-
dren.

Plays Under Ban.

"Plays as objectionable as 'Miss In-
nocence,' 'Desperate Chance,' 'The
Hypocrites,' 'Kreutzer Sonata,' and
'Sapho,' which were condemned and
denounced as infecting the moral mind
and fiber of the nation, seem to have
been discarded, but there are still the-
aters misusing their high and noble aim
and degrading the minds and souls of
theaters, and especially of our
young people. When plays like 'Sa-
lome,' 'The Blue Mouse,' 'The Soul
Kiss,' 'The Girl from Hector's,' 'The
Sainted Way,' 'The Girl in the Train,'
'The Girl in the Taxi,' 'Alma, Wo
Wohnt Du,' 'La Samaritaine,' are
produced and heralded as attractions, we
feel that the theatrical producers and
managers are menacing the public mor-
ality and the welfare of the nation. For
these plays, being based on abominable
sexual perversity and setting up a stan-
dard of immorality which is open to
question, will gradually accustom the
spectators, first in thought then in deed,
to disregard and discard all Christian
ideals and will thus prove the grave
of the nation.The importation of risqué German and
French farces and comedies like 'The
Bohemia Virgin,' 'The Woman of
Mendocino,' and similar plays by color
exhibit such a morbid standard of moral looseness
that we may justly expect them to be
denounced by a sane American public.
If we check to put on such productions
we shall ere long have the lamentable
condition of the French stage duplicated
in America.Our country federations that have
somewhere, require the managers to
stop salacious plays have been quieted
with the excuse that the nasty play had
been expurgated, but the subsequent
showing showed that the managers had
anticipated, viz. that the moral filth
and poison were inherent in the play. At
other times a religious title has been
made the drawing card, or the unsavory
content of the play has been changed with-
out altering the subject. Such inade-
quate, if not insincere, attempts appear
to us as devices to silence public criti-
cism without taking away the cause of
moral poison. Even Catholic papers were
thus entrapped to advertise nasty plays.

Protest Against Excesses.

"We are aware that many times the
excuse is given 'the people want these
plays; give the people what they want.'
We most earnestly protest against this
allegation. There are thousands, nay,
millions, of American people who are
sensible, patriotic, and who are not in-
fluenced by the vulgar, the vulgar, the
vulgar. We most emphatically assert that themes
of divorce, adultery, seduction, double
life, conjugal infidelity, free love, and
other worse performances exhibiting
sexual perversity are not what the de-
cent people want. The decent people are
not a negligible quantity, and the peo-
ple's ideas and desires must not be
measured by the sentiment of the vulgar
crowd of debauchees."We are gratified to know that sev-
eral newspapers have justly and mer-
cifully pointed out the vulgarity of a
number of theatrical performances, and
we trust that the public will be led to
the result that the audience was small
and the financial return showed a loss.
We also gladly notice the crusade of the
press against amoral plays on the stage.
The people are entitled to expect to
continue as a happy and thrifty nation
only on the sound principles of Chris-
tian morality. We therefore demand
of the theatrical producers, exhibitors,
and managers that they should be
sincere subjects, all plays that di-
rectly or indirectly ridicule or misrep-
resent religion, our Catholic practices,
religious orders and their vows, all
plays that offend against the high re-
gard in which womanhood is held by
all performances that offend against
Christian chastity and modesty, either
in the subject matter or in the in-
stances, especially certain burlesque
shows which seem to be beyond re-
demption.

Would Boycott Theaters.

"We earnestly request all members of
our affiliated societies not only to avoid
such offensive performances, but to
withdraw their patronage from any
theater which lends itself to offensive
productions. In this connection we also
ask them to watch the theatrical bill-
boards and to use their influence with
public authorities to prevent the exhibi-
tion of indecent, immodest, and sug-
gestive theatrical posters which are of
their nature a menace to the pure and
clean minds of the young."Finally, we request all the affiliated
members to let this letter become known
and spread it in all their communities,
and exert their influence in the public
press and in dealing with the public
officials, and to build up in America a
sound and strong public opinion in favor
of a clean and decent stage."

Threshold to Attend Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Thirkield, pres-
ident of the Howard University, who is
a member of the Cincinnati Methodist
Episcopal Conference, has been elected
by that conference as a delegate to the
General Conference, to be held in Min-
neapolis, Minn., in May, 1912.VILES AND WIFE
REFUTE STORIES
ABOUT TROUBLESNewly Married Couple Say
They Are Happy.

BRIDE IS NOW IN WEST

Sensational rumors, rife in Washing-
ton during the last week, to the effect
that Eula Palen Viles, bride of the
chief clerk of the Census Bureau, had
deserted him a month after their mar-
riage, were refuted by the statements
of both husband and wife last night.
Voler V. Viles stated that everything
was all right. Mrs. Voler V. Viles,
now in Hardy, Ark., said there had
been no estrangement.

WIFE GOES TO HOME.

Suggestions that marital relations be-
tween bride and bridegroom had been
strained became constant a week ago,
when Mrs. Viles started West. Inas-
much as Mrs. Viles had been married
after a brief month's courtship in
Springfield, Mo., those who knew the
couple declared that a sudden difference
had caused the wife to leave Wash-
ington, and predicted that proceedings
for a divorce would be speedily issued.
This rumor received confirmation
when a dispatch reached Washington on
September 7, stating that Edward Paden,
divorced husband of Viles' wife, had
suddenly left Greenville, Tex., and was
in Arkansas. It was in Greenville that
Mrs. Viles—then Mrs. Paden—achieved
the sensational kidnapping of her son
last June. Those who were seen in
Greenville declared that a reconciliation
had occurred and that Mrs. Paden, at
least as soon as she could obtain freedom
via the divorce route.All of these rumors were absolutely
denied last night, both by Viles and his
wife. The wife stated that her trip had
been merely a vacation; that she had not
seen her former husband, and that she
had no intention of doing other than re-
turn to Washington.Viles declared that he confidently
awaited the return of his wife, that she
had left him under the most amicable of
conditions, and that under no circum-
stances could she be persuaded to desert him.

Bride Issues Statement.

The following was the statement issued
by Mrs. Viles from Hardy, Ark.:
"I will soon from this town to Oklahoma
and from there I will travel to Wash-
ington, where I will meet Mr. Viles about
September 20, according to a prior ar-
rangement made between him and my-
self. This trip was nothing but a vaca-
tion. I desired to visit relatives in the
West, and took this time and opportunity
of doing so."There has been absolutely no estrange-
ment between my husband and myself.
We have and will be in harmony, and
no idle rumor, concocted by those who
seek to do Mr. Viles injury, can separate
us. During the entire time I have been
away my husband has known my where-
abouts. The insinuation that I would
leave him to do as I pleased, and I most
thoroughly dislike, is farcical and with-
out foundation."

Viles Denies Trouble.

Scarcely less strong are the comments
of Viles on the situation.
"I do wish," he said last night, "that
other people would cease prying into my
private affairs. Of course, I and my
wife are amicable. Of course, she will
return. There has been no reason for
any rumor. We are man and wife,
and our relations should not be con-
stantly exposed to public gaze. Of
course, we are happy."

RESIGNS COURT POSITION.

Samuel McC. Hawken to Become
Assistant U. S. Attorney.The resignation of Samuel McC. Hawken
as assistant clerk of the District
Supreme Court was yesterday trans-
mitted to John R. Young, clerk of the
tribunal. Mr. Hawken held the position
for fourteen years and resigned to as-
sume his duties to-morrow as assistant
United States attorney, having been ap-
pointed to the new office last July by
United States Attorney Wilson.Charles H. Turner, for eight years an
assistant United States attorney, severed
his connection with the prosecutor's of-
fice yesterday to enter private practice
of the law.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
Washington, September 9, 1911.—8 p. m.
Temperatures have been considerably over the Upper
Mississippi Valley, the Plains States, and the
Northwest, and have ranged from 70 to 80.The indications are that the weather will be gen-
erally fair Sunday and Monday over practically all
districts from the Atlantic coast westward to and
including the Rocky Mountains and Plateau regions.
Local showers are probable, however, on the South
Atlantic and East coast.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 71; 2 a. m., 68; 4 a. m., 70; 6 a. m., 70;
8 a. m., 71; 10 a. m., 72; 12 m., 73; 2 p. m., 74;
4 p. m., 75; 6 p. m., 75; 8 p. m., 74; 10 p. m., 73.
Maximum, 75; minimum, 68.
Relative humidity, 75; 70; 65; 60; 55; 50; 45; 40; 35; 30; 25; 20; 15; 10; 5; 0.
Fall 10 p. m. to 8 p. m., 100. Hours of sunshine,
13. Per cent of possible sunshine, 75.
Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 85;
minimum, 60.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Max. Min. 4 p. m. Fall.
Ashville, N. C. 82 62 74
Atlanta, Ga. 80 72 82
Atlantic City, N. J. 80 68 80
Baltimore, Md. 80 68 80
Boston, Mass. 78 68 72
Butte, Mont. 80 68 80
Cincinnati, Ohio 80 68 80
Cleveland, Ohio 80 68 80
Dallas, Tex. 80 68 80
Denver, Colo. 80 68 80
Detroit, Mich. 80 68 80
Galveston, Tex. 80 68 80
Havana, Cuba 80 68 80
Helena, Mont. 80 68 80
Jacksonville, Fla. 80 68 80
Kansas City, Mo. 80 68 80
Little Rock, Ark. 80 68 80
Los Angeles, Cal. 80 68 80
Marquette, Mich. 80 68 80
Memphis, Tenn. 80 68 80
New Orleans, La. 80 68 80
New York, N. Y. 80 68 80
North Platte, Neb. 80 68 80
Omaha, Neb. 80 68 80
Philadelphia, Pa. 80 68 80

Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 9:41 a. m. and 10:35 p. m.; low
tide, 3:58 a. m. and 4:08 p. m.
To-morrow—High tide, 10:34 a. m. and 11:31 p. m.;
low tide, 4:51 a. m. and 4:50 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Sept. 9.—Potomac very
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DIED.

WALLACE—On Saturday, September 9,
1911, at his residence, 70 T street
northwest, LISHON JEFFERSON
WALLACE.Funeral services from his late resi-
dence, Monday, September 11, at 2
p. m. Interment in Glenwood Cem-
etery. Funeral private.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

WHITE.

Frederic L. Biers, 25, and Nora Stough, 25,
both of Atlanta, Ga. Rev. R. L. Pultz.Bertram Lawler, 24, and Emily Berdend, 22, Rev.
John T. Hodge.William H. Power, 32, and Madeline E. Burne, 24,
both of Chicago, Ill. Rev. R. L. Pultz.Lest. Hamilton P. Glover, 25, of Philadelphia,
Pa., and Jean H. Reeves, 23, Rev. Hugh T. Ste-
vens.J. Bartlett Hills, 6, and Edith Ashton, 23, Rev.
H. Schneider.John N. Tombs, 27, and Mary E. Linkins, 42,
Rev. H. Schneider.Julius Mueller, 27, and Ethel L. Moriarty, 42,
Rev. W. I. McKenney.

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Walter Thompson, 35, and Fannie Walker, 27,
Rev. J. D. Ray.Bernard Wood, 28, and Henrietta Morehead, 24,
Rev. L. B. Rouse.

DEATH RECORD.

WHITE.

Priscilla Knott, 25 years, 305 H st. n. w.

John H. Bicknell, 78, Home for Aged and Infirm.

Oscar M. Brown, 43, 34 N. Y. ave. n. w.

COLORED.

Philip Johnson, 17 years, 13 Pinton place n. w.

Margaret Lawler, 74, 421 24 st. n. w.

Barney Woods, 60, Freedmen's Hospital.

John R. Burgess, 9 months, 220 6th st. n. w.

BIRTHS REPORTED.

WHITE.

Ely and Elsie A. Ware, girl.

Joseph L. and Rebecca D. Thompson, boy.

Joseph A. and Jeannette Stranley, girl.

Edward and Clara V. Richards, girl.

William A. and Beale M. Moore, girl.

John H. and Ruby M. Hubbard, boy.

John M. and Josephine B. Gartrill, boy.

Charles D. and Elizabeth Benson, boy.

Raymond T. and Rose Dietzer, boy.

Myer S. and Sarah Ochs, girl.

James A. and Elizabeth Reedman, girl.

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Fred and Alice Hernandez, boy.

Charles and Emma Jackson, boy.

Charles C. and Margaret Hill, girl.

Frank and Madeline Condon, boy.

Charles A. and Mary E. Foster, boy.

The

George Washington